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ESPIONAGE AND POLITICS

A letter from Christian Bay from America

At the moment this is written Francis Gary Powers is still "unavailable for comment", while Congressional committees are actually standing in line to question him; according to provisional comments from the Congressional leaders quite a few of them are looking forward to the publicity that awaits them. The Senator from the South, Strom Thurmond, is one of those who would like very much to ask Powers why he allowed himself to be taken alive, and why he criticized CIA (the American Central Intelligence Agency) to the Soviets; think of the opportunity, in front of the television cameras, for an older, respectable gentleman to be able to preach and moralize to this young man who was sent by other older gentlemen on an insane and dangerous expedition over the Soviet Union, and who was impudent enough to refrain from committing suicide to cover up his superiors' mistakes! This espionage role was prepared in such an amateurish manner by Powers' superiors in CIA, that he left with his health insurance card in his wallet! Powers is being thoroughly questioned by CIA-people these days, "somewhere in America". If there is such a thing as common sense left by now, I think that it should rather be Powers who is allowed to question those who sent him on his journey.

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Following the last presidential election there was widespread disappointment that Kennedy, at the beginning of his term, said that he would like to keep Allen Dulles as head of this state within a state, CIA; this, in spite of a large number of complaints about the misuse of power within the organization under his direction. Theoretically, such an organization should exist to keep the Government informed about everything that takes place of importance for the security of the United States; in other words, it should produce a basis of information for the defense and foreign policies of the country. However, it soon became obvious that CIA, right from the start, has been determined to create a good many of the events on which the organization was to report, itself. In other words, CIA has been used partly to provoke events calculated to put the Communist countries in a poor light, and thus create data supporting an aggressive foreign policy, and partly to carry on an underground war, with the use of assassination and many other things that cannot be spoken about aloud, towards Communist-friendly or other anti-capitalistic powers in many countries all over the world. This is bad enough from a liberal point of view, and definitely from the point of view of American security, also, that the powerful men in CIA were mostly much too anti-Communist and otherwise too little schooled politically to be able to report factually and realistically about the politics of the various countries, and the opinions of the people; it was even worse that CIA could obviously use its funds to engage in terrorism against politically undesirable regimes in other countries. It is generally assumed, and has not been denied by those in responsible political positions, that CIA has the dubious honor of having overthrown the comparatively democratic regimes in Guatemala (Arbenz), Iran (Mossadegh) and in Laos (Souvanna Phouma).